

Claim 8, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to
--claim 1--

Claim 9, line 1, change "any of the preceding claims" to
--claim 1--

Claim 10, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 8" to --claim
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Claim 11, line 1, change "any of claims 1 to 10" to --claim
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Claim 15, line 1, after "claim" insert --1--

REMARKS

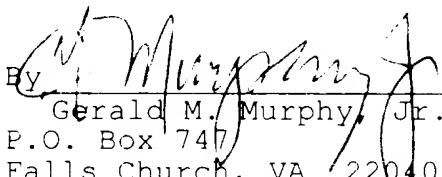
The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

The claims have been amended to remove the undesired multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form prior to examination.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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